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The Church of God Evangel

ALL NATIONS MATT. 28:19

EVERY CREATURE MARK 16:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Grace and Works

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For many years there has been a controversy over the subjects "Grace and Works." Both are prominent, New Testament subjects which cannot be ignored. The controversy is relative to the part or duty they have in man's salvation. Grace advocates, if I am correctly informed, teach salvation (eternal life) by grace thru faith without works (righteousness). After some years of unbiased study of New Testament Scriptures upon this and other fundamental doctrines, I am compelled to oppose the teaching of salvation by faith alone, not with ill will, but in the spirit of love and meekness, realizing the ease with which we may misconstrue the Scriptures. Peter warns that in Paul's epistles are some things hard to be understood, that we are likely to misunderstand or wrest to our destruction.

INTERPRETING GOD'S WORD

In arriving at a conclusion concerning the meaning of any passage of scripture, we must be careful not to destroy the truth of another. The Bible may be likened to a jigsaw puzzle, every part will fit when we find its place. Every passage of scripture will harmonize when rightly divided and construed. Many people think they have harmony when they do not. Their sense of harmony is defective, just as some cannot distinguish colors. The division and confusion among Christians attests to their inability to rightly construe and harmonize the Scriptures. If our construction of God's Word pertaining to the plan or requirements of salvation fails to harmonize with other relative teaching, it is because we have placed the wrong construction upon it.

The doctrine of eternal life by faith without righteousness is contrary to the Scriptures as will presently be shown. If Paul, the author of Eph. 2:8 and Gal. 2:16, with similar texts upon which the doctrine of salvation by faith is based, taught such, why did he contradict himself in the following: "Who will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who thru patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality eternal life. But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath," Rom. 2:6-8. What is God to render? Eternal life. To whom? To every man who through patient continuance in well doing seeks for glory, honor and immortality. He also says that Christ is the author of eternal salvation to all that obey Him. Heb. 5:9. In speaking concerning Eve's transgression, he says that women shall be saved in childbearing (duty of bearing children), if they continue in faith, charity, holiness and sobriety. 1 Tim. 2:14, 15. Thus we see that righteousness or works are scripturally declared to be essential to salvation. Again I ask, if Paul taught salvation by faith without works, why did he contradict his teaching in these and many other instances? No, my friend, he nowhere taught that righteousness was nonessential. We have just honestly misunderstood him. Matt. 19:17; Acts 10:35; 1 Peter 4:18; 1 Cor. 6:9-12; John 5:28, 29; Matt. 25:46; 2 Thess. 1:7, 8; Heb. 12:14 and James 2:14-26 all pertain to eternal life and show positively that righteousness is necessary to salvation. Note James 2:14, "Can faith save him?" How can one contend for salvation by faith without works in face of such opposition?

JUSTIFICATION

Naturally you ask, if works are essential to salvation, how shall we explain Rom. 3:28; 4:15; 5:1; Gal. 2:16 and Eph. 2:8? These texts, except Eph. 2:8, all pertain to justification. Justification and salvation are two different things. You may ask, Is not a justified man a saved man? No, not necessarily. God justifies every one He calls. Rom. 8:30 and many are called but few are chosen. Matt. 20:16. The dictionary says "justify" means "to pronounce free from blame" or "pardon." Then justification means forgiveness of sins, redemption and reconciliation to God, making us eligible for the promise of eternal life. That a

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Notices

To the ministers and members of the Church of God of Alabama, greetings. Our district conventions will be held as follows:

Mobile district, Crichton church, Feb. 25-27, beginning Friday, 7:00 p. m., closing Sunday noon.

Tuscaloosa district, Buhl church, March 1-2, beginning Tuesday, 7:00 p. m., closing Wednesday night.

Montgomery district, Montgomery church, March 4-6, beginning Friday, 7:00 p. m., closing Sunday noon.

Thomasville district, Nicholsville church, March 8-9, beginning Tuesday, 7:00 p. m., closing Wednesday night.

Anniston district, Anniston church, March 11-12, beginning Friday, 7:00 p. m., closing Saturday night.

Alabama City district, Boaz church, March 18-20, beginning Friday, 7:00 p. m., closing Sunday noon.

Scottsboro district, Pikesville church, March 23-24, beginning Wednesday, 7:00 p. m., closing Thursday night.

Pratt City, Bessemer, and Trafford districts combined, Pratt City church, March 25-27, beginning Friday, 7:00 p. m., closing Sunday noon.

Double Springs district, Pine Grove church, March 29-30, beginning Tuesday, 7:00 p. m., closing Wednesday night.

Decatur district, Decatur church, March 31-April 1, beginning Thursday, 7:00 p. m., closing Friday night.

Ft. Payne district, Strait Creek church, April 2, 3, beginning Saturday, 10:00 a. m., closing Sunday 4:30 p. m.

Phenix City district, Lanett church, April 8-10, beginning Friday, 7:00 p. m., closing Sunday 4:30 p. m.

Sylacauga district, Sylacauga church, April 15-17, beginning Friday, 7:00 p. m., closing Sunday 4:30 p. m.

Dora district, Sumiton church, April 22-24, beginning Friday, 7:00 p. m., closing Sunday, 4:30 p. m.

On the second day of each convention we will have morning, afternoon and night services. We ask that each minister on each respective district attend your district convention. Be sure to see to it that your aged ministers' fund is paid, also your camp ground fund. Each pastor is asked to bring a special mission offering from his local church to help the convention mission offering. Come on, Alabama, let's be 100 per cent on every line. Don't forget the Evangel drive.

The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way; many good revivals are going on now. I am now in Alabama City in a real old-time revival. Five received the Holy Ghost last night and the altar is full every service.

Pastor, start a revival; let's have a revival running from Lookout Mountain to the Gulf of Mexico. Praise the Lord, I feel the fire burning while I write this notice.

I will try to send each pastor a program of his convention a few days before his convention convenes.

May the Lord bless you. I will be looking for you on time for the first service. —Your servant, H. L. Whittington, state overseer, 612 Cherry Ave., Pratt City, Ala.

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NOTICE OF DIST. CONVENTIONS FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Wilmington-Erwin district, February 25-27; Rocky Mount district, March 4-6; Greensboro district, March 11-13; Kannapolis district, March 18-20; Lenoir district, March 25-27; Hayesville district, April 1-3; Charlotte district, April 8-10; Asheville district, April 15-17; Washington district, April 22-24.

The first service of each convention will begin Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock. There will be two services Saturday, 2:30 p. m. and 7:00 p. m.

A special mission offering will be taken Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon we will have the reports from local churches. The convention will close Sunday 4:30 p. m., giving the pastors time to get back to their appointments Sunday night.

We are looking forward for a great time at these conventions. Pastors, please make a special effort to have your people attend. We especially insist that all the ministers and local church, Sunday School, and Y. P. E. officials endeavor to be present at every service.

Please do not have a revival on at your church at the time of the convention on your district. You and your people will need the preaching, information, instructions, and blessings the convention will have for you. Your presence can be a blessing to the convention. I am depending on your co-operation, and I am sure with that and the presence and power of the Lord it will be good to be there. There will be preaching, singing, and music—some of the best.

Please begin praying now that the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost will have control.—Your state overseer, E. W. Williams.

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The Lake Worth district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention will be at Vero Beach, Fla. March 6. Service will start with a Sunday School program at 9:45. The afternoon will be devoted to Y. P .E. Everyone come and bring a well-filled basket. Pray that God will bless our convention.—W. H. Smith, district superintendent; Woodrow C. Byrd, state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent.

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We are glad to report two new Church of God missions to open in Ft. Worth, Tex. this week. One is in East Ft. Worth, formerly known as Sister Brewer's Mission; the other is on Marton St., formerly known as the People's Mission. Both are now Church of God.—Wilma Henry, pastor.

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We, the Church of God in Chicago, have finished our contract with WSBC but will be on WCBD soon. Watch the Evangel and keep praying.—Amelia Shumaker, 2221 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

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The Greenwood district convention will convene at the Church of God at Greenwood, S. C. on Feb. 25, at 7:00 p. m. and will run through Feb. 27 until 4:00 p. m. All churches on the district will be expected to report one hundred per cent on everything. The Y. P. E. and Sunday School division will be under the supervision of our state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, Brother Robert Johnson. We will expect every preacher on the district to be present for opening service and remain until closing time. This is not my convention alone but belongs to all the churches on the district. Let's put it over!—C. E. McAbee, 308 Parker St., Greenwood, S. C.

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To the people of Mississippi: I have been appointed state president of the L. W. W. B. Look up and let's take courage. It seems the bad weather is in the past. Surely we can go forward to win in this fight. I am ready to serve you. Any time you need me just let me hear from you. I am planning to be with you in each district convention. Willing Workers, I hope to meet each of you. I need your prayers and co-operation. District pastors, if you need a revival, I am ready to work with you.—Mrs. Addie Mooneyham.

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There will be home coming services at the Church of God on McClenton Ave., Selma. Ala., Feb. 20. Everybody invited to come and bring well-filled baskets. Members, bring your aged ministers' quota and an offering for missions. We give our state overseer, Brother Whittington, and our district pastor, Brother Hunt, a special invitation and ask every child of God to pray that God will greatly bless in the services.—Mrs. H. L. Paterson, clerk, Rt. 1, Stanton, Ala.

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The Power of the Church Today

MRS. S. M. MILLER

Are we as Church of God members obeying the voice of Jesus? Do the churches have the power they ought to have? No. Whose fault is it, God's or ours? I know I can safely say it's the ones who have their names on the church books.

Luke 9:22, 23, "The son of man must suffer many things . . . If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

As we look over the ones today who suppose to be denying themselves, we see lots who are failing to do that. Oh, if we don't get self out of the way we are going to be left here when Jesus comes. Are we going to deny ourselves when God's Word requires us to? Some put self in the way and say, "Well, I know the Bible said that but I can't do it. Somebody else is more qualified." Yes, somebody else may get your talent too. If we were the kind of Christians old Brother Abraham was we wouldn't question God. Suppose he had said, I know God doesn't mean for me to offer poor little Isaac as a sacrifice. Some of us today can't go to church for fear the children might take cold. We need to wake up. We are facing the dark age when we are going to be put to the test. Only the tried and true are going to stand.

We feel so religious when we get to church, we can shout aloud, but just mention giving God what is His, the spirit is gone. Sometimes I think some must shout on credit. I believe in shouting and all that goes with it, and walking straight between the shouts. The way is not all shouting. We have a cross to bear and self to deny. If we members would be willing to stand by the church and pastor as we should, not rob God (He said He would bless us if we didn't rob Him), leave off so much pride of the eye, be content with what we have, be willing to help get the gospel to dying souls who will soon be in hell, go to church on midweek prayer meeting night, just like we did when the new preacher was there and the revival was running; if our ministers would be willing to go where God wanted them to go, make any self-denial necessary, we would have more power. How many preachers this year have asked God to send them where they could be of the most benefit to lost souls? and how many looked on the financial side and said, "I hope the church I pastor has a parsonage, a large membership and all the members pay tithes"? Look out, old self is getting in the way again.

Matt. 8:20, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." When it was the Father's plan for Christ to come to earth to die for the sins of the world He didn't question what He would have to meet but obeyed the voice of the Father.

He that has not the spirit of Christ is none of His. Dear children, I fear we are letting ourself get in the way. There comes a sifting time. We need to wake up, leave off things leading to worldliness. God said He would supply our needs. Can't we trust Him. If we don't we are going to be left here to go out in the Laodicean church stage. We are nearing the coming of the Son of man.

God is Doing Exploits in Reading, Pa.

God is blessing in Reading. We started a revival Jan. 2 with Sister Kinsley in charge. The revival lasted three weeks. Fourteen were saved and sanctified, and seventeen filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. People who lived in Reading when the Holy Ghost was first preached said this was the best meeting that ever came to Reading. Others, including myself, said they never saw God bless in baptizing people as He did in this revival. Waves of glory swept over the large crowds that assembled together each night. Sister Kinsley, who is a missionary from Africa, was at her best and mightily used of God. The saints were at their best and rendered faithful service at the altar. The last night of the revival Brother Staats, our overseer, was with us. Six united with the church that night. This makes a total of eleven new members since the Assembly. We took a mission offering which amounted to $33.00.

We were praying for God to give us $200.00 on our church. He surely did supply. One sinner man gave $400.00 and another gave $300.00 to the church. Another party gave me $100.00 for carpet for our church. Now we have carpet on the platform and around the altar back to the second seat. We started with about $78.00 in the treasurer March 1, 1937, to buy a church and have never made any drives for money to this present time and have paid $900.00 on our principle besides the interest and other things we have met, and at this date we have over $100.00 in the bank to meet our obligations, which will come due March 1, 1938. *Give us room and watch us grow.*—Henry C. Stoppe, pastor, 1337 Mulberry St., Reading, Pa.

Review of Work on Rocky Mount, N. C. District

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing the Rocky Mount, N. C. district. Souls are getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. One dear old sainted mother had belonged to the Christian church for fifty years until about a year ago when she united with the Church of God and had been seeking the Holy Ghost ever since. About the first of January she was taken seriously ill and continued so for about one and one-half weeks. We visited and prayed with her every day. Finally one day she seemed to go into a coma. They could hardly wake her up. She would not drink or eat anything, so her son called the doctor and her two daughters who live in Greenville, N. C., about forty miles away. While he called the doctor someone came for me to go pray with her. We were not at home when they came for us but as soon as we got home and got the message we rushed over there. She said she wanted us to pray with her. We went down before God and in just a few minutes she raised up on the bed and began to praise the Lord and in just a few minutes she received the Holy Ghost. Her granddaughter began to cry. We asked her to come round to the side of her grandmother's bed and let's pray. She came and God saved her in just a few minutes. Before her two girls could get there their mother was healed and filled with the Holy Ghost, called for something to eat and was sitting up in a chair eating. When the doctor came he could not find anything wrong with her. He asked who it was that called him and why they called him. Her son told him that he called but something had taken place since he had called him. He wanted to know what it meant and he told him the people had been praying with her. The doctor said that was what he believed in—prayer.

God is surely blessing around Rocky Mount. In fact, God is blessing everywhere on this district. Anyone desiring to work for the Lord and will stand foursquare for the Church of God, just come on and go to work. There is plenty to do. Some of you preachers whom God has called to preach and not to plow or work in the cotton mill, get out and try God a while. He can feed you better than the cotton mill can. Please continue to pray for the Rocky Mount district.—J. H. Daniels, district overseer, Gen. Del.

The secret of Paul's success for God lay in the fact that he started at the right place in asking God what he would have him to do—and did in.

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This paper reserves the right to condense reports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allowance of space.

Editorials

REPORTS

We are receiving many good reports from off the field. Many revivals are in progress and God is blessing in a wonderful way. We feel sure that the blessed Holy Ghost is striving with His people to get them ready for the coming of Jesus. We are trying to get these reports in as fast as we can, but if yours does not appear at once, please bear with us because we can not get them all in just as soon as they reach the office.

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COMPLAINTS

We have, as usual, quite a few complaints from people stating that they do not receive their Evangel. On account of these complaints the post office has adopted the rule of sending us a card from the postmaster concerning every one that does not receive his paper. It costs us 2c for each one of these notices. In many of these cases the parties have moved and failed to give their forwarding addresses. Then they write us and complain that they are not getting their paper. Now you will save us quite a lot of worry and expense if you will write us when you change your address, and also notify the post office. We feel that at some locations they are not delivering the Evangel as they should but if you will co-operate with us, we will try to overcome these complaints.

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PROMPTNESS IN SETTLING ACCOUNTS

We certainly will appreciate it if those who owe the House will put forth some extra effort to settle their accounts. There are some few who have not settled their accounts by agreement because of being out of work or failing to get necessary support where they are preaching, but there are some whose accounts are old and they don't seem to bother about paying them. We would appreciate it very much if you would respond to the statements that are sent you because we must collect these accounts. I am not saying this with any degree of criticism but just as a matter of business and I hope you will help us by being prompt in paying your bills.

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THE LIGHTED PATHWAY

The Lighted Pathway, the young people's paper, has been taken over by the Church. It is now Church of God property. Sister Alda B. Harrison has been retained as its Editor. There were five years of the time when she was getting this paper out that she didn't receive any remuneration at all. Her time was all given free. But for the last three or four years she has struggled along with the paper and has made it pay its way, and now that the Church has taken it over we hope that the preachers and leaders of the churches will take an interest in this paper and see that its subscriptions increase and that rolls be sold to the extent that the paper will pay its way. The reason the Lighted Pathway is higher than the Evangel is that it has no support aside from the subscriptions and sales of the paper itself, and we are trying to make it pay its way. The subscription price of the Lighted Pathway is $1.00 a year, rolls of fourteen copies are $1.00, and rolls of six are 50c.

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THE EVANGEL

The Evangel is the Church organ and its mission is to teach the doctrines of the Church and give reports of meetings, mission news, notices, requests, etc. We appreciate the interest the preachers and people have taken in the Evangel and we earnestly request that every pastor see that every family in his church takes the Evangel. From the outlook now we feel that the increase of subscriptions will be greater than of any previous year. Every one should be interested in the Evangel because it is your paper. We are trying to make it just as good and true to the Bible doctrine as is possible to make it. We feel that every minister, especially those who fill important places, should write occasionally to the Evangel. We have more material than we can get in but we feel that those who fill these important places and love the Church that has made it possible for them to have the position they have, certainly ought to contribute to the Evangel. I love the Church of God and its doctrines. It has saved me from error and confusion and I feel that I owe my time and talent to the Church of God, the institution that feeds me. If we do not hold up its doctrines, principles, and teachings, how do we expect to win others. The subscription price of the Evangel is $1.00 or in rolls of ten or more copies it is 2c each. The reason we can send the Evangel out at this price is because of the book sales of the Publishing House, and job printing, that greatly aid the Evangel in a financial way.

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A WORD OF THANKS

We certainly appreciate the patronage of the people on the field. We have almost anything that you might want by way of religious literature and we feel that every loyal minister and member of the Church should support this institution by giving us your orders. We try to sell as cheaply as possible, but remember that every penny of the profits goes back to the church and every order or subscription that you give us will aid in carrying on the work, so please remember us when you need things in our line. We feel that our literature is clean, wholesome, and holy, and you will not make a mistake in having this good literature in your home. In place of the funny paper and worldly things over the radio, let your children have ever before their eyes good, clean, holy literature. There is nothing that will shape the life of a child like holy pictures on the wall or wholesome literature. If you rear your child to listen to things that are worldly over the radio and read to him the funny paper instead of the Bible or some religious literature, you need not expect him to love righteousness and the truth when he is old enough to decide for himself.

Report From Big Spring, Tex.

BIG SPRING, Tex.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing at Big Spring, and for our good pastor and his wife. They are true blue Church of God folks, and I believe we all love them. Too, our willing workers are going over the top for Jesus. How I love the Lord and want to be found humble at the foot of the cross. Please pray that we can have a revival and lost souls will find Jesus. —Your humble sister, Mrs. R. T. Hale.

The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

Better, in What Respect?

Rom. 12:10; Phil. 2:3.

Some times we meet Christians who feel they are better than certain others. Perhaps it is our privilege to be better than most people we know but in what respect?

1. We must remember that all our goodness comes from Jesus and if we are better than any other person on earth it is because we have more of Jesus in our lives or are nearer to Him than they. And certainly the spirit of Jesus is not the spirit of the braggadocio.

2. Real goodness is possessed by the humble. The greater degree of goodness we possess, the more humble we will be. And you never hear people glorying in or boasting their humility.

3. Daniel possessed an excellent spirit, even in surroundings that were altogether unfavorable to his religious views. And if we are really ahead, spiritually, of ordinary church members, it will be indicated by the unusual spirit which we manifest in our daily lives.

4. Another sign of superior goodness in men is their readiness to bear the cross and suffer for Jesus' sake. Thousands of Christians have borne the cross, have sacrificed and suffered untold hardships for the truth, and that without a murmur. If we fail and come short under the pressure of ordinary, everyday life, how can we ever compare ourselves with them?

5. There are others who literally give themselves without money and without price to minister to and to help others. Their one aim is to reach others with the gospel message. Their hearts are continually burdened for the lost. The heathen world is upon them and for these millions they pray and sigh and give. Are we thus exercised? Can we, without doing anything to help men to God, and with no feeling for the millions of lost heathen, feel that we have a very unusual type of religion? Now, really what do you think about it?

How vast the limits of that field on which the righteous run their race. We shall never know the limits to which men have gone to God in prayer, sacrifice and suffering until that day when the secrets of all hearts are made known.

So if we would count ourselves foremost or ahead in the way of salvation, we must be able to show those finer qualities possessed by saints and sages of old. We must be able by word and deed to demonstrate all that we claim to possess in Christ.

The Church has one vision—Jesus. It is Jesus the crucified Savior, the life of men and coming King.

The one hundred and twenty were in the upper room praying—only praying. When the Church does nothing but pray it begins to do its mightiest work.

A preacher who travels over the country leaving unpaid bills behind him does not prove that he is a success as a preacher or a Christian.

The Church belongs to God. It is God's heritage and is called the "flock of God" in the Bible. Pastors are God's divine gift to the Church. A true pastor labors under the direction of Jesus, the Chief Shepherd of the flock. "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear" the pastors will be rewarded. 1 Pet. 5:1-4.

Roger Babson said, "The greatest undeveloped resources of our country is faith and the greatest unused power is prayer."

Nothing is so nearsighted as selfishness.

A clear heart is a divine creation, not a human development.

If religion means much to you, live so that it will mean much to others.

The Clock of Life

The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.
NOW is the only time you own!
Work, pray, give with a will,
Place no faith in tomorrow—for
The clock may then be still.

Just one of two things faces us; compromise with the flesh and Satan, and go down in defeat; or stand against the storm, be true and go through with Jesus to victory.

"I . . . . have shewed you, and have taught you," Acts 20:20. Paul not only said it but did it.

"And after the uproar was ceased," Acts 20:1. Revival means conflict. The early Church moved by and in the supernatural. And there was storm always—Peter in prison, Paul and Silas in the stocks, Stephen stoned and Paul ever moving and ministering from a storm center; someone has said "he either had a revival or a riot." So when the forces of God and Satan meet there is always a clash of arms.

"I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel," Acts 20:33. Paul followed the example of his Master and in so doing he left an example for those who should come after him.

Jesus wept while looking upon the city; but when He entered it He drove the buyers and sellers out of the temple.

What thou desirest that men shall see in thy face, be that in the sight of God who beholdeth what is in thine heart.

If we put God first we shall find occasion both in evil report and good report to bear something for His name.

Those best fitted to reprove are most severe on themselves, but gentle toward others; those most ready to reprove are often in need of reproof themselves.

"God's Word is compared to arrows in the Bible; aye, and a bow with a back of steel! The Lord has promised to strengthen the arms of His messengers; an indication that the bow they are to bend is not a limber one."

After Jesus spoke His parting words to His disciples a cloud received Him out of their sight—nothing more—only out of sight. But not out of sympathy, hearing, touch or not out of the region of helpful ministry—He was only out of sight.

REQUESTS

Please pray for me and my boy; we are both afflicted. I want to trust God for our healing. Pray for our pastor, Brother Wilson Sharp, for the healing of his body, also pray for our church.—Mrs. J. L. Cockrell, Rt. 1, Weathersby, Miss.

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Pray for our revival at Newville, Pa. The Lord is blessing. Sister Snyder of Harrisburg, Pa. is our evangelist.—Edward Sullivan, York, Pa.

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Every one pray for us here at Bowling Green, Ky. Brother Rayhill is doing the preaching and the Lord is really blessing. Many souls are looking this way.—E. W. Carden, pastor, Bowling Green, Ky.

News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

Report of Quarterly Meeting

At this quarterly meeting of the Church of God held at Eckstein Village, St. Michael, Barbados, B. W. I. Jan. 2, brethren and elders and other representatives from eleven stations gathered. Between the hours of seven and eight a. m. a baptismal service was held when thirty souls obeyed and were baptized. At 10:30 a. m. the saints gathered in the church for worship. The building was packed to overflowing. Brother Medford of Rock Hall led a praise service. After a song and responsive reading of Psalm 91, a season of prayer followed. During the next song an offering was taken. A second offering was taken for the installation of electric lights, while the chorus, "Everybody put your shoulders to the wheel," was sung. Then followed the reports of the several stations. Evangelist Winter suggested, among other things, the creation of a home mission fund to aid in the repairs and extension of our church buildings.

Brother A. W. H. Rock from the River Road church sang, "The burdens of life may be many" and immediately following there was such a demonstration of the Spirit of God that it was impossible for him to deliver the Word. Elder Adams arose and spoke from John 3:5 and Acts 10 and while he spoke of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on Cornelius, Brother Rock received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He concluded his address with reading Rev. 20.

At the close of the sermon Bishop Marshall laid hands on a brother, who took sick during the sermon. Then after a brief testimony by Brother Rock, thanking God for baptizing him with the Holy Spirit, the doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Marshall.—J. H. Marshall.

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The Gospel Worth More Than Food

I praise God for His Son Jesus. He is all the world to me. I am a member of the Young People's Endeavor. I love the Y. P. E. We have thirteen members. A. W. Rigby teaches us in our home. We are suffering here for food and clothing but the Lord spared our lives to hear the wonderful gospel which is more to us. We have lost many crops but the Lord has still spared our lives. Bro. Rigby is here with us. He seems to be very faithful in this work. He is spending this hard time period with us. The people are calling for him. He preaches the gospel plain so we can understand. All who read this pray for the Lord to pity our needy condition, and please pray for us to hold out to the end.—John Ben Caver, Conch Bar, Turks Island, B. W. I

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Thank God for the Church

I praise God for full and free salvation. I thank Him for what He is to me day by day. I thank God for the Church of God which is built up of the apostles and prophets and Jesus Christ is the chief corner stone. I am fifty-six years old and I have been saved sixteen years. I now have exhorter's license in the Church of God. Thank God for our overseer, Brother A. W. Rigby, he is surely a man of God. He is always ready to go in the work. Pray that we will be successful in the work for the Lord. I have three sons and two daughters. Two of my sons are backsliders and one never has been saved but my two daughters are saved. Pray much for my sons that they will be saved before it is too late.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Mary A. Arthur, Kew Turks Island, B. W. I.

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Had a Wonderful Time in the Lord

I am greeting you all in the dear and precious name of Jesus. I praise the Lord for saving and keeping me. The Holy Ghost still abides in the home of my soul. Thank God, I am a worker for the Lord and determined by the help and grace of God to go through. We had a wonderful revival over at Withbe, two received the Holy Ghost and three were sanctified. We had water baptism and two were baptized. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. We desire the prayers of all the dear saints of God and help of your hands all over the world because the harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few. Please pray for me.—Ethel Mary Capron.

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Encouraged

I am glad to say that the love of Jesus is abiding in my soul. We are still determined by the grace of God to press on for Jesus. Our Y. P. E. is growing brighter and we have on roll thirty-five members. We had a Christmas program in the government schoolhouse. We had many wonderful recitations and drills. Our overseer, Brother Rigby, was the chairman and he said that he was surprised at how we conducted our first program. The government school teacher gave a wonderful address to our encouragement. We have tickets to sell for corn or produce and when we get the produce we change it for flour and sugar. We are doing our part as best we know how and if we continue God will help us. Money is very scarce and we don't see it every day. Please pray for us in Bottle Creek for our success. Pray for our Church of God Y. P. E.—Alicher Williams, president, Bottle Creek Turks Island, B. W. I.

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I praise God that I am yet alive and still determined to work for Him. On Jan. 2 we had a wonderful baptism and all the dear ones are still encouraged. We had one from Whitley and one from Sandy Point. We have more to baptize but owing to hardness of time they were not ready. We are expecting a larger gathering as soon as times get a little better. We are waiting on a promise made by our esteemed brother in Bermuda who wrote me that he is trying to send some clothing to us. Please pray for him that God will open the way that it will get to us soon. Elder C. H. Caisey is helping us to spread the gospel in Turks Island as he knows the condition of our island. Please pray God's blessing on him and his coworkers in Bermuda. The eye of the Lord is over the righteous and His ear is open to their cry. God bless every one is my prayer.—A. W. Rigby, overseer.

Healed of Tumor and Anemia

Do you believe in divine healing? If you do that's fine, but if you do not, you should write to Sister Noble Stern of Fairmount City, Pa. who can testify to God's power that healed her of a double tumor, also double anemia.

On Saturday and Sunday Sister Stern was suffering great pain, had hard convulsions and part of the time was unconscious. Dr. B. J. Longwell of Seminole, Pa. was called, and he said he could do nothing, that an operation was necessary. But Sister Stern was in such a condition that she was not able to undergo the operation, and unless God would answer prayer in her behalf she could not live. The doctor stated that anyone suffering from low blood pressure, a double tumor, double anemia, leakage of the heart, and other ailments, surely had to have a good constitution to survive.

Brother Noble Stern and his faithful members held on to God in prayer.

On Monday evening I called to see Sister Stern and was very glad to find her able to sit up in bed and tell how God had touched her body. She is still improving.—A friend, Mrs. Lucile Carleson, Fairmount City, Pa.

Bible School Echoes

PREPARATION

A. B. Dixon

Cleveland B. T. S. Student

We wish to consider this subject from three standpoints. From the standpoint of surrounding conditions, the Bible and sound reasoning.

SURROUNDING CONDITIONS

Those who acknowledge, serve and worship God are, in this age as in all ages, surrounded by skeptics, scoffers, mockers and unbelievers of every description.

Education is much the same as many other good things, a blessing and a curse. Wind is a wonderful blessing, and when the sun is beating down on you on a hot day you welcome a breath of air. Let that same wind increase to a velocity of one hundred miles an hour, and it will do untold damage. So it is with water, fire and many other great advantages and blessings too numerous to mention. So it is with education.

The Apostle Paul spoke of a "science so called" and I think we have much the same condition as he was talking about, today. An educated crook is a menace to society, but a wise son is the joy of his mother.

Someone has said that we must fight fire with fire, (you who have fought forest fires know what they are talking about) and I think it can well be applied to present conditions in the educational world. It has well been said, that if we expect to meet the criticisms, accusations and charges of this present age, we will have to speak their language and understand their speech. If we expect to prove to people that this salvation is a reality, we must first disprove the theories of the atheist and agnostic. True that we must have the power of God, and we can do nothing without it, but I have never heard of it changing a man's speech, except, as the Holy Ghost testified in an unknown language.

I believe that one who knows the meaning of the words they use, has a distinct advantage over one who doesn't, in meeting this condition and disproving the terrible teachings that are so prevalent today. I am sure that a knowledge of their language and a thorough knowledge of the Bible co-ordinated with the Spirit and power of God, will meet this situation as nothing else can.

THE STANDPOINT OF THE BIBLE

Read 1 Chron. 25:6-8 and you will find reference to the preparation of musicians and singers. Read 2 Chron. 5: 12, 13, 14 and you will see a beautiful picture of a well trained choir and band of trumpets. They had been trained until they sang and played together and the voices and music blended. Maybe you think it was just the Lord with them that caused them to sing so well. I admit that the Lord is all important, but we have the Holy Ghost with us now, that they didn't have then, and it is a very rare occasion that we hear of instruments and voices blending together so well. Don't miss the wonderful part of this beautiful picture; when they got to playing and singing together so well, the power of the Lord came down and filled the house. Read it, brother, sister; it's a beautiful picture.

I have witnessed a few occasions that reminded me of these scriptures, and very possibly you have. When we get together in the camp meeting or Assembly, the people come with the violins, mandolins, guitars, etc., and thousands of voices begin to ring out with songs of praise. The great waves of glory are so real that you can almost see them. Tell me something that is more inspiring and uplifting or something that will invite the power of God more than to hear a well trained duet, trio, quartet or choir. Think of the well trained soloist that we heard. How your throat tightened, the tears ran unheeded down your cheeks, your soul seemed to soar to a new realm,—a higher plane—and your heart swelled with gratitude. We forgot it while we were listening, but it took months, even years of preparation to bring it about; and I believe it has been practiced for thousands of years.

Read 1 Sam. 19. It is said, by good authority, that Naioth was a school of the prophets, and that Samuel spent much of his time there. You find that the power of God was there too. Begin with the first part of First Samuel and read after him. You will find that he was preparing from childhood. Follow him through his life, and note the great man that he was; it is worth reading. Suppose he had been a "helter-skelter scatter-brain," with no training or preparation? Did you ever hear of one getting anywhere or doing anything?

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Northwest Bible and Music Academy

The Bible students are really catching the vision of a world "lost without God" but we are looking at it as prospects for evangelism. In our mission studies we have discovered some new facts about the great missionary, the Apostle Paul. Paul had a mission zeal that carried him "over into Macedonia" and to other parts of the world.

A mission field lies before us; not in a country across the sea, but in the immediate country in which we live. There are men and women hungering for the "bread of life." There are souls that are dying for the lack of "spiritual life," which comes through Christ Jesus. There are those who are lost in the desert of sin, who are thirsting for the "water of life." Shall we let them perish? shall we leave them in their sins? or shall we carry the gospel message to those who are still estranged from God, that they may partake of the blessings we are enjoying?

Every soul that is won to Christ is an addition to the number who are "living testimonies" to the power of God. They, in turn, will be instrumental in bringing others to God.

Oh, to have a zeal like Paul and Peter, who gave their lives to defend the faith! "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Notice the words, "Ye shall be witnesses." These are the words of Christ. Are we fulfilling this commandment, or are we shirking from our task?

May God fill us with a missionary spirit that will spur us on to take this world for Christ.—School correspondent, Henrietta Sanders.

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Correspondence Department

W. W. Smethers, New Mexico:

I just received my diploma for the Bible Training School Course. I am much delighted in having had the privilege of taking this Course. It has helped me so much in every way. Every lesson has been worth five times the amount it cost me. The lessons on Bible history were a wonderful help to me. I thank you for your untiring efforts in our behalf.

Mrs. Florence Pace, South Carolina:

I surely am delighted with the lessons. I am getting so much good from them, I can't express the joy and pleasure the study of these lessons bring to me.

Miss Evelyn Peake, Virginia:

The benefits derived from this Course have been well worth the cost over and over again. It has meant a deeper consecration and encouragement. Learning of the wonderful things that have been accomplished by God's servants in the past has been very inspiring. I have learned to see and appreciate the beauty enfolded in the Old Testament, which before had seemed dull historic stories. I pray that the Bible School will always be successful.

Mrs. Hattie M. Piper, Maine:

I feel that the Correspondence Course has been a great help to me. I advise all who can to take this Course. It is very interesting and will be a great help to anyone who wishes to know the Bible better.

BRIEF REPORTS

FROM THE FIELD

SELMER, Tenn.—Dear saints, the Lord is blessing here at Piney Grove now. We are going right ahead, working on our new church building. We have the ground deeded to the Church, the ground cleaned off and part of the logs cut and we are just getting help all around. We expect to get it up by time for the convention if it is God's will.

Please pray for us that God will supply our needs. Pray hard for the church here.—A sister, Mrs. B. H. Smith, Rt. 1.

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CARLSBAD, N. Mex.—Dear Evangel family, we did not get to attend the Assembly this year but we still love the Lord and His Church and still intend to be somewhere working for our Lord. I don't know just where our next field of labor will be, but it is a big world and there is a lot to do and such a short time to get the job done, but our pay won't be until the job is completed.

We were blessed with having our Assistant General Overseer with us, Brother R. P. Johnson, and in our home. We were encouraged to see him, we have known him so long. He delivered some good messages at our ministers' meeting in Carlsbad. We were so glad to have it here. Brother S. J. Wood, our state overseer, delivered some good messages also.

Pray for us to know the will of our Lord and do it. We love our saints at Carlsbad and scattered abroad. It is real uplifting to meet the saints we have been away from so long. Pray for us.—Brother and Sister M. E. Drake.

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BLUE DIAMOND, Ky.—We praise our Savior for His goodness to us. The Lord has been so good to us the past two weeks. In every service there just hasn't been room to receive the blessings. On Sunday night, Jan. 23, we had a most wonderful service, the Lord seemed to be so near us.

We are proud of our good pastor, Brother John Newton, and his wife. Our church is moving along fine. We have a good Sunday School and are praying for a real Y. P. E.

Please pray that God will heal my father of ulcerated stomach. He has the Holy Ghost and believes God will heal. —Your sister in the Lord, Miss Helen Begley.

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EPHRATA, Pa.—Ever since the Assembly the Lord has been blessing us in a wonderful way. Seven have received the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. On New Year's Day we had an all-day fellowship service and God surely blessed. We had a wonderful healing service. God proved Himself in that service. Praise His holy name. My father told how last New Year's Day God touched his body and healed him of blindness, and he didn't know that day that they were praying for him. One young man received exhorter's license in the evening service.

Pray for the Ephrata church. We are few in number, but we trust God and He surely is with us. Brother A. R. Martin is doing his best to bring the light.

Again I say, pray that we may grow, go and glow, as we want to have a church building of our own.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Anna R. Lutz, 30 N. Church St.

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MANATEE, Fla.—I thank the Lord for the church in Manatee, for the unity and fellowship the saints have and for the good feeling we have in each service. Sometimes the Lord blesses in such a way that sinners are made to wonder at the great power of God and some come to the altar crying and seeking God.

I praise God for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Self. They are both doing good work here. We have our new parsonage already finished, for which we thank God. We have a fine Willing Workers Band. When we see how the Lord is blessing and helping on every hand, we are made to shout and praise Him for His goodness to us. We are praying for a good revival here. We want to see our friends and loved ones saved. Please pray for the Lord to give us a good revival and save souls here.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. F. H. Simmons.

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CAIRO, Ga.—I praise the Lord because He is so good to us. I feel the sweet Comforter in my soul. God wonderfully blesses our church here. How we praise Him for the real, Holy Ghost service here last Sunday evening. The Holy Ghost took control. The altar was filled and souls were crying and praying. Many were blessed. How sweet this salvation is to me.

We also praise the Lord for Brother J. W. Heaton, our good pastor and family. We have a good pastor, good church, Sunday School and Y. P. E. Oh, may we stay humble and pray. Please pray for us and ask God to give us a Holy Ghost revival.—A sister under the blood, Ida Miller.

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WILLIAMSBURG, Pa. — We thank God for our good pastor. We felt blue when they took Brother J. A. Muncy away from us, also our good overseer whom we loved, and who did a great work in Pennsylvania which will long be remembered. We did not like to see them go, yet we thank God for the good overseer and pastor He gave us to work with this year.

Our pastor held a revival in which eight were saved, four sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and God blessed in a mighty way. Conviction came down and sinners wept their way to the altar and got saved; the children of God were refilled and on fire for God.

Last Sunday night three were saved and the altar was nearly filled with seekers. Thank God for them, for the good revival He gave us, and for the good spirit we feel in our midst, and his good messages and the way God uses him.

Please pray for me.—A happy pilgrim, Walter Aurandt.

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BOAZ, Ala.—The Lord is blessing His children at Wesleys Chapel, for which we thank God. We thank Him for our good, humble pastor, Brother Bowen, and his good wife. Brother Bowen is doing a great work in our Sunday School. We ordered our literature for this quarter and have $11.00 in the treasury now. We had fifty-six in Sunday School last Sunday. Pray for the work at this place that we may be just what God wants us to be. The saints at Wesleys Chapel love one another. Thank God! The power of God falls in our services. Pray for us.—Your humble sister, Mrs. Hester Cahela.

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DUDLEY, Mo.—Dear saints, I praise God for our little band of saints at Dudley. We are few in number, yet God is with us and we have the victory. Our good pastor, Brother B. W. Elliott, was with us Saturday night and preached a wonderful message, which was a great help to all. Our state overseer, Brother H. L. Marcum was with us on Dec. 21. His messages were food to our souls and greatly enjoyed by all. We are praying that God will send him here in a revival in the near future.

Please pray for us that God will bless us with a building in which to worship. Also pray that He will keep us humble and in His will. Pray for the healing of my body and that my faith may be increased. Pray for my home. Also pray that God will send a great revival here. —Your humble sister, Matilda Hunt.

PERULACK, Pa.—We praise God for the church at Cross Keys. I am glad because His good Spirit comforts and keeps us looking up. In December we had one saved and the church was revived, after spending two or three weeks every night in service. The church is growing in every way. We are expecting to build more to the church this year and are expecting to build a parsonage. Readers, please pray for us at Cross Keys.

I thank God for our revival which closed Jan. 23. We had an evangelistic party of five—Brother Roland Verrico, his wife, his sister, Brothers Floyd Grassman and Walter Skutar. God blessed our labors together. Eighteen were saved, four sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church.

We also thank God for having with us Jan. 17 our state overseer, Brother R. J. Staats, who delivered a wonderful message which was to the church. Pray for us.—Your brother in Christ, S. E. Burton.

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ST. ELIZABETH, Jam., B. W. I.—Dear saints, greetings. I praise the Lord that He has spared my life to see the new year of 1938, and more than all, I glorify His name that this year finds me saved, sanctified, and baptized with the precious Holy Ghost and making ready for the coming of our Lord.

Beloved, we covet your prayers over here in St. Elizabeth, especially for the Church of God at Outlook. We have only nineteen members and only six are brothers. We have no place for worship and are living at a place where people are very hardhearted and we have to buy a place for our worship. We are very poor so we need your prayers as it is very hard for us.—Your brother in the Lord's service, David Johnson, Brighton P. O.

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KELLITTS, Jam., B. W. I.—Thank the Lord, the saints over in Kellitts are still in the battle, expecting to be victorious by the grace of God some day. On the 29th of November we went down to Mullet Hall where many of the saints from various places met. We had with us the overseer and other officials. Elder C. T. Johnson, district pastor, gave the welcome address and Elder C. A. Morris from Desire responded. As the Holy Ghost led, Overseer H. A. Hudson preached. After a few others spoke service was brought to a close for that night.

The next morning, Nov. 30, we met again for conference. It was only the officials who met that day. The conference started (laymembers dismissed) with the overseer presiding. He talked quite carefully of how things are to be carried on in churches whether with pastor, members, or officials. Many important items of business were taken care of, after which we adjourned.

Our next service was the night service which all enjoyed. Elder W. Shaw preached a good sermon which was aided by the Holy Ghost. After many testimonies service was brought to a close. We ask the prayers of the readers, also pray for our pastor, Elder C. T. Johnson, a faithful minister of God. Pray for the writer.—D. Douglas.

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LADONIA, Tex.—I praise God for this wonderful salvation and the way He is blessing here at Ladonia. We have some true blue saints here who stand for the Church of God and its teachings. I praise God for our good pastor, Brother Melton, and his family. Oh, how he feeds our souls. We have good crowds. We also have a good band of young people. I thank God for them. Not all of them have salvation but they do believe in the Church of God. We also have a good Sunday School with an average attendance of about forty-five.

We covet your prayers that the church will rise and shine to the glory of God. Pray for me to ever do the Lord's will. —Your brother, W. V. Henry.

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EUDORA, Ark.—We praise the Lord for the wonderful things He has done for us at Beauff River Church of God. Brother Shaw, our good district overseer, with Brothers W. I. Burford and J. J. Stricklin came and set our church in order Jan. 13 with eighteen members. A goodly number of them were transferred.

We had healing service on the last night of their visit. The Lord blessed all through the service. One woman who had defective hearing can hear very good, for which we praise God. Others were blessed, the power of God was with us. We will be glad to have these brothers back with us any time. Pray that Beauff River Church of God will rise and shine for God.—Your sister, Martha Shipley, clerk.

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BLOSSOM, Tex.—I am glad for the way God is blessing here at Blossom. We appreciate our pastor, Brother J. F. Brown. The Lord is blessing his labors in our midst. Crowds are increasing and we are greatly encouraged. Several have been saved and sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. We have our Y. P. E. organized. The Lord is wonderfully blessing, we are having good attendance in Sunday School. Pray for us.—Your sister in the Lord, Beulah Carter.

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THOMASVILLE, Ala.—We surely appreciate God's blessings in our all-day service at the Thomasville Church of God. Oh, it was a wonderful time. We appreciate our state overseer, Brother Whittington. We were proud to have people from Selma and other places, and above all we are always proud for the Lord to be with us.

Dear saints, please pray for Thomasville district that this will be the best year we have ever had here. Please pray much for me.—A brother in Christ, J. W. McIntyre.

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EASLEY, S. C.—The Easley Church of God is on the upward climb. We all love our new pastor, Brother W. M. Morrow. Sister Helen L. Morrow and her coworker, Sister Margaret E. James, gave us a revival and we believe much good was done on the offstart of the new year. We praise God for a loyal people. We are up on our mission quota, also aged ministers' fund, and we haven't forgotten the orphans.

We expect to begin a revival the last of February with Sister Margaret Jacobs in charge. Please pray that God will bless and have His way. Praise God, we are expecting one of the best revivals Easley has ever known.—Guy H. Sloan, clerk, Arial Station.

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MOULTRIE, Ga.—The Church of God at Moultrie, Ga. had a home coming Jan. 30. All the churches on the Cairo district were well represented. Some of the churches on the Valdosta district also came over, and God richly blessed. After the devotional and some specials Brother L. P. Shaw, pastor at Valdosta, brought the message. Brother J. W. Heaton, district pastor of Cairo district, then preached. The Holy Ghost came down and messages and the interpretations were given. An altar call was given and many came forward seeking God. A basket dinner was spread and enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon service, after several specials, Brother Ira Meadows, pastor of Albany church, preached on "Missions," followed by Brother J. L. McCoy on "Sunday School." Each visiting minister was called on to testify and each speaker seemed to have a special anointing. The power fell during each message and souls were encouraged. The work in general is moving along in South Georgia. Each pastor and church is trying to forge ahead and place the dear old state of Georgia at the top of the list by next Assembly. Florida, North and South Carolina, move up or move over, because Georgia is out of the switch and coming down the main line.—Yours for a prosperous year in the Lord, Jesse K. Degolyer, pastor, 500 E. Central Ave.

Requests

Pray for me. I am in a new field. Several have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. A church has been set in order here with ten good praying and clean members who are on fire for God. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless.—Steve Burks, evangelist, Tamcliff, W. Va.

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Pray that the Lord will completely heal my baby. Pray for my home that it will be a sanctified, Holy-Ghost-filled home before it is too late. Pray for our church as we are having a struggle, that we will come out victorious and win souls for the Lord.—Mrs. C. H. Fox, Rt. 4, Sulphur Springs, Tex.

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Please pray for my boy to be healed and that the Lord will undertake and supply our needs and help us get our church finished. The devil is working so hard, we surely need your prayers.—Mary Doster, York, S. C.

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I request that you please continue to pray that God will keep His hand upon my life and lead and guide me in everything I do. I have a special request from a very dear friend in Teague, Tex. wanting prayer that she might receive the full light of the gospel. Her boy is in trouble; he is in the U. S. Reformatory for three years but just before he surrendered to the law he gave his heart to God and wants every one to pray for him that God will keep him saved even though he is behind prison bars. Pray hard for God to sanctify and baptize him with the Holy Ghost. Pray for me and mine for there isn't a church of any kind near here closer than eight or ten miles so I never get to go.—Maggie Cameron, Rugless, Ky.

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Please pray a special prayer for my baby, Franklin. He is over three years old and can't talk, only a word or so; his mind doesn't grow like it should. If any feels led, send a handkerchief. I know the Lord is able to heal him.—Mrs. W. L. Beardin, Gen. Del., McRae, Ga.

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I have an unspoken request that I desire every saint to help me pray for.—A brother in Christ, James Bostic, Eagan, Tenn.

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Saints pray till your prayers go through for my tonsils to be healed, also my whole body as I am in a rundown condition. Pray for a sister who has a cancer.—Leona Tharp, Shaw, Miss.

Pray a special prayer for my twelve-year-old daughter who is afflicted with rheumatism and suffers very much, also pray for my wife who is in bad health and has just lost her mother.—Your brother in Christ, Jona Ritter, Douglas, Ga.

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Please pray for my mother. She has been under the doctor's care for five weeks and doesn't seem to be getting any better. Pray that the Lord will touch her body if it is His will.—Cora Dodson, Murphy, Okla.

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Pray the prayer of faith for me. I have something wrong with my bowels and can't eat anything. It is impossible for me to live much longer this way.—Mrs. L. F. Reed, East Bank, W. Va.

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Pray for my daughter, Mavis, who is in a serious condition. She was raised to trust God, now she is married to a sinner man who doesn't believe in trusting God. Please pray until God answers.—Mrs. Earl Brewer, 105 Third Ave., S., Clanton, Ala.

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Pray for us at Alarka, also pray for me. I am having some hard trials but I know God can help.—Your brother, J. A. Tippett, Alarka, N. C.

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Please pray for God to undertake for me. I lost my husband January 3 and I am having trouble trying to hold my home. Pray for God's will to be done and for me to stay true.—Carrie Vaughn, evangelist, Milam, Ga.

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I have been in the hospital for three weeks. I was at death's door but I promised God if He would raise me up I would serve Him and I am doing my best. I desire the prayers of all that God will wonderfully bless, for if God doesn't undertake I will go down in defeat for it is so hard to live right with so many temptations around us. I especially ask that you pray for God to bring our family closer together whatever it might take. This morning finds me wanting to get out in His work so pray for God to make the way. I am willing but my body is weak. There isn't a church here where I am so pray that God will provide a way that I can be in His service and I will receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. W. R. Thigpen, Deerfield, Fla.

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Please pray for the Devon Church of God that it will not go down and that it will grow and shine and sinners at Devon will find the way of holiness. Pray for me and my wife that we'll get stronger, and pray for my children that they will be saved. Pray that we will do more for God.—John Huff, clerk, Okeeffe, W. Va.

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The Lord is blessing in the revival here. About twenty were in the altar and two prayed through last night. Please pray for us. If you are near us, come, you are welcome. I am sure you will enjoy the good preaching and God's presence.—Brother Edd Cox, pastor, King, Ky.

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Pray for my two boys, they have whooping cough. My three-year-old boy has asthma. Please pray that God will heal my mother who is also sick. Also pray for the Church of God at Jena and for our leader, Sister Alexander. Pray that God will bring my loved ones back to the fold. I have another unspoken request so pray till your prayers go through.—Gertie Carroll, Jena, La.

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Pray for me and my little daughter that we may be healed. I am trusting the Lord with my body. Pray for my family that they will be saved before it is too late. I live twenty miles from any Church of God meeting so pray that I will stand true. I know the Lord can take care of me here as well as He can close to church but it is harder.—Mrs. Lydia Walker, Immokalee, Fla.

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Have special prayer for my sister, Mrs. Tom Williams. She has pneumonia and is trusting God. Pray for her family too. I desire the prayers of all the Christian people to hold out faithful until Jesus comes.—Helen Warix, Rt. 2, Union City, Tenn.

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Pray for me and my husband and two children. My body is in a weak, rundown condition; I have different troubles which the Lord knows all about. My husband has something like neuralgia. The oldest child has spells of sickness which seems to be caused from worms. The little baby is subject to constipation which causes it to have fevers. Please pray earnestly for us. Pray for us to stand true.—Mrs. R. T. Lankford, Rt. 4, Piedmont, Ala.

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I've been suffering for some time with heart trouble and high blood pressure and my daughter is undergoing an operation for a tumor of the stomach so please pray that God will heal both of us and pray that our home will be what the Lord would have it be. If any of you feel led to fast and pray, we will appreciate it so much.—Mrs. J. W. Drake, Iron City, Ga.

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Please pray for us at Ferrellsburg, W. Va. that we will have a successful revival and this place will rise and for our

Savior.—Roxie Morris, clerk, Ferrellsburg, W. Va.

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Pray a special prayer for Brother Jerry Smith's baby. It has a spine disease.—Oneal Hughes, Rt. 3, Jasper, Fla.

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Please fast and pray for the healing of a very sick man who is near death's door. He is trusting the Lord and if God doesn't come on the scene he won't be here long. Also pray for a baby who was burned and pray for my eyes.—Mrs. Joe Smith, Crenshaw, Miss.

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We are in a revival at Slaton, Tex. with Brother Dill Delph and party in charge. Pray for this revival that souls will be saved. Brother Delph will be open for calls after this revival; if you need him, write him at Slaton, Tex.—Roy J. Young, Box 334, Slaton, Tex.

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Pray a special prayer for my afflicted body and that I will receive the Holy Ghost. Pray that I can attend Church of God services and if any one feels led to send me an anointed handkerchief I will appreciate it, also encouraging letters from the saints. Pray that my home will be a home of prayer.—Mrs. Ellen Mitchell, Rt. 4, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

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Continue to pray for my son that he will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and that his wife will get saved. Our pastor is sick with bronchial trouble and is not able to preach. Pray for his healing and for God to have His way in our life. Pray much for the church here that God will send laborers here.—Effie Couch, clerk, Elkin, N. C.

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Please pray that God will heal my body. I have been a sick a long time and having been away from the Church of God people I have grown cold so pray for me and if there are any Church of God people at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. please come to see me. I trust I will get in touch with some of the Church of God people. Let me hear from you soon. My address is Mrs. H. S. Howard, 535 S. W. 2nd Ave., Ft Lauderdale, Fla.

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Please pray at once for the healing of my daughter who is seriously ill.—Mrs. C. T. Rakin, Afton, Tenn.

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My brother, L. C. Stanley of Bowling Green, Ky., has requested the people of God everywhere to pray for his baby. It has something growing on its back and the doctor says if it should burst it might kill it. If anyone feels lead, send them an anointed handkerchief. Also pray that God will save their souls before it is too late.—Carl A. Stanley, 207 Mutual Ave., Winchester, Ky.

Pray for my son who has nervous spells. Also pray for three of my children who are out in sin and that God will have His way and keep me humble and use me for His glory.—Mrs. Louise Harris, Lutesville, Mo.

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Please pray for the healing of Brother Ottis Beglay's body. Pray also for his little boy's and girl's eyes. We desire the prayers of all of God's children that we will win souls for the Lord.—Ancy Baker, clerk, Blue Diamond, Ky.

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Pray for a sister who has been suffering over a year with T. B. and some other diseases. Her mother is a widow and needs her help so badly. Also pray for me to be healed of catarrh of the head which I have been suffering with since I was a child and it seems to be getting worse. Pray for my husband to be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Bonnie Balinger, Rt. 3, Cleveland, Tenn.

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Please pray for God to heal me of hoarseness. I fully trust God for my healing and especially request Brother Rouse to pray for me.—Rinda Ramey, Man, W. Va.

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Pray for my four-month-old baby boy to be healed. He has a cataract and maybe a tumor on the right eye. Pray for him to be healed for the glory of God. Pray for us to ever be true to the Lord and that my loved ones will be saved.—Brother and Sister Phipps, Box 253, Statesbury, W. Va.

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Please pray for my husband and married son to get work, also for the salvation of my family and for me to overcome every trial.—Mrs. Nora Hughes, 1841 S. 5th St., Abilene, Tex.

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NOTICES

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We will hold our state convention here in Eldorado, Ill. March 17-20. We request that all saints pray for this convention. Come and pray with us, but if you can not come, kneel and pray with us where you are that many will be saved. The very best in music will be rendered by the Eldorado Church of God string band and singing by different mixed quartets. Come to this convention with the glory of God in your souls.—Melvin J. Greer, church repotrer, 1101 Kerr St., Eldorado, Ill.

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There will be a dedication, home coming, and formal opening in the new church building at Rome, Ga., Feb. 20. Brother Jernigan will be with us, and we are expecting some of the brethren from Cleveland.—A. H. Batts, pastor.

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There will be an all-day service at the Church of God in Selma on Feb. 20. Everybody pray. We are looking for a great day. You are invited; we want you to come and be at home as it is a home coming day.—Columbus F. Barrett, pastor, Selma, Ala.

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The Letcher, Ky. district Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention will convene at Seco Church of God Feb. 26, 27. For the Kentucky River district the convention will convene at Hazard Church of God March 5, 6. Be sure to come to your respective convention. Visitors invited. —L. S. Cooper, Kentucky Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, 137 Cotter Ave., Somerset, Ky.

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This is to notify all our ministers and members of the dates of our district conventions.

Omaha district convention will convene at Mountain View church beginning Friday night, March 11. Service begins at 7:30 p. m. and will continue through March 13; Brother Lono Marlin, district pastor.

Velvet Ridge district convention will convene at the Roosevelt church Friday night, March 18-20. Services will begin at 7:30 p. m.; Brother W. V. Johnson, district pastor.

Marked Tree district convention will convene at the Marked Tree church March 25-27. Services begin at 7:30 p. m.; Brother J. A. McCullar, district pastor.

Forrest City district convention will convene at the Dyer church from Friday night, April 1, to Sunday, April 3. Service begins at 7:30 p. m.; Brother W. E. Wright, district pastor.

The Bauxite district convention will convene at the Little Rock church from Friday night, April 8 to April 10. Services begin 7:30 p. m.; Brother R. E. Shaw, district pastor.

We urge every member and minister to be present at these conventions. We expect every church to be one hundred per cent on every line. May God bless every one is our prayers.—Odis Smith, overseer of Arkansas.

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I am open for calls to preach the gospel. If any one wishes my service, please write me.—Elliott Justice, Woodman, Ky.

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We began a revival here Jan. 30. Brother J. W. Heaton, district pastor and pastor of the Cairo church, is doing the preaching. One has already received the blessing. Interest is good. Pray for a successful revival.—Yours for lost souls, Jesse K. Degolyer, pastor, 500 E. Central Ave., Moultrie, Ga.

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The Mobile district convention will convene Feb. 25-27, at the new Crichton church, H. L. Whittington in charge. Everybody is invited to come.—A. J. Murray, district overseer, Crichton, Ala.

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As I am in evangelistic work this year I am now ready for work in fields to preach the gospel and try to win lost souls for the Lord. I stand foursquare for the Church of God. I would be glad if any one who wants a revival would write me.—Your brother in Christ, Louis Larrison, West Bend, Ky.

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Memphis and Dyersburg districts convention will convene at the Church of God in Dyersburg, Tenn. March 4-6.—J. M. Foshe, district pastor, Barney St., Dyersburg, Tenn.

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The church in Union, S. C. began a revival Sunday night, Feb. 13, with Sister Helen L. Morrow in charge. We request that all saints everywhere pray that God will give us many souls for Him and His Church. We invite all neighboring churches to come be with us and be sure to pray.—W. H. Horton, pastor.

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We are having a fellowship meeting here at the Jellico church Feb. 20 beginning at 9:30 a. m. and continuing through the morning until noon when dinner will be served. Then at 2:00 p. m. services will begin again and run through the afternoon. The night service will begin at 6:00 p. m. All pastors, evangelists and members on this district are urged to be here. We also send an invitation to every one who wishes to come and help us enjoy the blessings of the Lord. Pray for us here and come.—Chas. D. Foshee, district pastor, Jellico, Tenn.

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The Pittsburg, Kans. district convention will convene April 22-24 at Weir, Kans. We are expecting all our churches on this district to be well represented. We also expect other districts to be with us and any one who cares to come we certainly invite you to attend. Come on folks, let's make this year the best year we have ever had. Let us have our aged ministers' quota by that time and all mission offerings up one hundred per cent. Brother J. T. Campbell, state overseer, will be with us through these meetings. We are arranging for beds free and meals will be served by our W. W. B. at a reasonable price. The profit will go on their new church building, so come right on, we all are going to eat with them. Our entertainment committee is W. R. Bolte, 1008 E. 13th, Pittsburg, Kans.; Hattie Richardson, Weir; E. M. Mead, Weir; Ira Marsh, Weir. Write any of these for information.—C. C. Rains, district pastor, Weir, Kans.

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I am making a large display to place in the Church of God here for the purpose of advertising for the church and I will appreciate very much from any one throughout the world anywhere, a picture of your church and congregation. I would like to have a picture of every minister and worker in the Church of God. Help boost the Church of God in this new field.—Haskel Williams, 217 Chevalier St., Baldwin Park, Calif.

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I am glad to announce that the Y. P. E. at S. Gastonia, N. C. won the state Y. P. E. banner with the fine attendance number present for the month of January, 1,755. Belmont, N. C. was second with 1,023 present. Many thanks for your reports this month. See that your Y. P. E. reports every month.—Yours for better Y. P. E's in North Carolina, E. E. Winters, state Y. P. E. president, Box 192, Erwin, N. C.

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I am glad to report victory today. I am so glad I am still covered with the precious blood of Jesus and still filled with the good Holy Ghost and fire. I am in a wonderful meeting at Logan, W. Va. for Brother Fielden, the pastor, a blessed man of God. We are having a good time and today I feel the need of preaching the good old gospel in its purity. Any church in West Virginia that wants me for a revival, my address is 805 12th St., Kenova, W. Va. May the Lord bless the Church in every way.—L. E. Dean, evangelist.

Obituaries

SELF

My Uncle Ezel Self and wife both died of pneumonia Feb. 3, leaving eleven children. Please pray for them that God will guide, direct and undertake for them and have His way in each life.—Myrtle Self, Box 576, Great Falls, S. C.

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DINGESS

Sister Betty Dingess died Jan. 29, 1938. Our pastor, Brother G. H. Brewster, conducted the funeral. — Roxie Morris, Ferrellsburg, W. Va.

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MINTON

Sister Willie Minton departed this life Feb. 2, 1938 at the age of nineteen. She was a true blue Christian filled with the Holy Ghost. Funeral services were conducted at the Church of God in Lenoir City by the pastor, Brother B. F. Cooper, assisted by Brother G. W. Hodges. Interment was made in the Lenoir City cemetery.—One who loved her, Mattie Amos, Lenoir City, Tenn.

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GRUBBS

Emma Virginia Grubbs, wife of G. W. Grubbs, pastor of E. Pittsburgh, Pa. Church of God, departed this life Jan. 29, 1938. She was a beloved member and devoted worker of the Church of God. Pray for her bereaved family.—One who misses her, Miss Lucille Hackney, Box 137, Irondale, Ohio.

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McMANUS

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Fred McManus on December 28, 1936 and claimed their precious little son, Marvin Doyle, age three months and thirteen days, the only son they had.—His grandmother, Mrs. A. C. Bottoms, Rayville, La.

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PEARSON

Little Sabra Betty Lou Pearson departed this life to be with Jesus. She lived in this old world only three days. She was laid to rest in the city cemetery of Edinburg, Tex. Brother R. O. Woodruff conducted the funeral. She was the only child in the family.

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BROWN

On May 12, 1937 the death angel called Brother Daniel H. Brown to be with Jesus. He was sixty-seven years, eleven months and twenty-four days old. He was a faithful member and a deacon in the Church of God many years. The funeral was conducted by Brother W. M. Rumler and his body laid to rest in the Perry cemetery.—One who loved him, B. N. Thomas, Perry, Fla.

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GOBER

On Feb. 3, 1938 the death angel visited the home of Brother Thomas Gober and claimed for its victim his loving mother, Mrs. Ida Gober. She was fifty-five years old. Funeral services were conducted by our pastor, Brother C. N. O'Kelley, assisted by Brother Ross Chambers, and interment was made in the Draketown cemetery.—A friend who loved her, Effie Freeman, Rt. 2, Temple, Ga.

Blessed and Encouraged in Trying Hours

GLEN ST. MARY, Fla.—Just a message of praise and thanksgiving through the Evangel which has always been a blessing to me in my home and life. The soul-stirring messages and good testimonies I read in it are such a help to me. The Lord has always blessed and encouraged me in the trying hours through the Evangel.

I thank God for the way He answers prayer. We saints had been praying for a long time for a church and Sunday School here in this community. God had mercy on us and gave us a little brown church out here at Turner. The church was set in order not quite a year ago, with eleven or twelve members, and a small Sunday School was organized with about twenty-five or thirty on roll. Thank God! Our Sunday School has increased to about seventy or more and we have about twenty members on roll. We think we have one of the best pastors the Church of God has, Brother Paul Taylor, and his wife, of Sanderson.

We thank God for the Willing Workers Band which is doing all the good it can. We praise God that He helps us to help meet the financial obligations of the little church at Turner. Everyone was thrilled when the Y. P. E. was organized a few nights ago. The young people seem so interested in it.

Please pray for the Y. P. E. and young people of this community that they will get salvation and be a blessing to the church. Pray for me to stand true.—Katie Dugger.

He is Able to Perform Miracles

GEORGETOWN, Ohio—Dear saints, I praise God for His precious healing power. I've really seen God work in our home in the last week. My little brother has had trouble with his lungs ever since he was about three years old. He was operated on when he was about three years old and has never been strong since. He is nine years old now. On Thursday, Jan. 20, 1938, he began having hemorrhages while he was at school and they had to bring him home. On Friday he had two more that were very bad, it looked as if he lost nearly all his blood. We gave up hopes for him but he never lost faith. He said all the time that the Lord was going to heal him. For about four years he has wanted to trust the Lord. On Friday evening we called our pastor, Brother R. Huff, and he and another brother came in and had prayer for him. He had two more hemorrhages but we just kept praying and holding on to the Lord and God really came down and healed him. Praise His name!

At the time my mother was the only one in the family who had salvation. My brother and I had backslidden but God knew just how to work to bring us back to Him. We really got hold of the Lord and I'm so glad because now I feel free in my soul. My brother says he feels that he is saved. Pray for us both to get the Holy Ghost. I'm sanctified and feel hungry for more of the Lord.

Pray that God will keep and strengthen my little brother, because people in this community have seen his condition and so many don't believe, but I know the Lord is able. One lady said if he ever got well it would be a miracle. Praise God, we know He's able to perform miracles. Please pray for our home, for the unsaved, because they need the Lord. Pray for my mother that she will stand true to the Lord. Brother Rouse, please pray a special prayer that God will make this little boy stronger than he ever has been.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Ethel Smith, R. R. 1.

Over the Top for Jesus

BASTIAN, Va.—The Lord is wonderfully blessing us here at Bastian. We are still using the Union church building but we are ready to start our church building. We have the lot which was given by Brother Berry. Our pastor has some of the building material already on the ground. We had a good revival here in November, Brother Berry doing the preaching. Three were saved, four sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and one added to the church. All the saints were wonderfully blessed.

Our pastor organized a Sunday School Nov. 9 with sixty-four members, also a Y. P. E. with a goodly number of young people taking part. I believe we are going over the top for Jesus here. The Lord is blessing in our cottage prayer meetings in a wonderful way.

Pray for me that I will stay humble and be ready to go any time that He should come or call me away.—A sister, Mrs. John Winegar, Box 104

GRACE AND WORKS

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justified man is not a saved man is shown in the following scriptures: "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine, continue in them for in so doing thou shalt save thyself and them that hear thee," 1 Tim. 4:16. This exhortation was made long after Timothy's justification. Again Paul admonishes, "But thou, O man of God, flee these things and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience and meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life where unto thou art called," 1 Tim. 6:11, 12, implying that Timothy was not yet saved but should seek to lay hold on it by following after righteousness, etc., or fighting the good fight of faith. Paul shows clearly in the third chapter of Philippians that he himself had not yet attained unto the resurrection of the dead (eternal life) but was striving to apprehend it. Jesus said, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life." Rev. 2:7.

PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE

Justification only carries a promise of life. "And for this cause he (Christ) is the mediator of the new Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal life," Heb. 9:15. The requirements upon which the fulfillment of this promise depends forms the basis and purpose of the teaching of the entire New Testament, but can be more readily ascertained in Heb. 12:14. Justification is obtained by faith without works, Rom. 3:28; 4:15; 5:1; Gal. 2:16, but eternal life will be rendered to every man according to their deeds. Rom. 2:5-7.

WORKS EXPLAINED

We have shown that justification is not salvation. We learned that works have no part in justification but are essential to eternal life, but there is Eph. 2:8 we have not explained. "By grace ye are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." If works are necessary to salvation, what is meant by being saved by grace without works? Titus 3:1-5 answers. In describing their former sinful condition Paul relates how that afterward the love and kindness of God our Savior toward man appeared not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His mercy He saved us by the washing (cleansing) of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost which He shed upon us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior. The substance of this text is, first, that man's salvation depends upon his regeneration, consequently, righteousness, which is the result and sole purpose of regeneration, becomes necessary to salvation. Second, that regeneration is accomplished by the Holy Ghost, made available to us through the love, mercy and kindness of God and not by works of righteousness which we have done. Works here referred to as having no part in salvation are works done prior to justification, and in Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, or wherever works are stated to have no part in justification or salvation, it is works of the past life before conversion that is referred to and not righteousness which should follow justification or redemption. This division and construction of the Scriptures brings peace and harmony between Rom. 2:5-7 and Eph. 2:8, James 2:14 and Gal. 2:16. It erases every trace of antagonism between the subjects "Grace" and "Works."

OBJECTIONS

Some people object to works on the ground that it robs God of just honor, but when viewed in the proper sense, grace loses none of its prominence nor God His glory in ordaining righteousness a requisite to salvation. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them," Eph. 2:10. If we are His workmanship how could we dishonor Him by magnifying and proclaiming our God-given virtues essential to salvation? Even if it were not so, it would not be irreverent to say that by the gift of righteousness which God hath bestowed upon me I shall be saved. Moreover, it is so for Paul says, "If by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one Jesus Christ," Rom. 5:17. Paul also said, "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord," Heb. 12:14. Did he dishonor God by saying this? No, for he realized from whence his goodness came and said, "By the grace of God I am what I am." Of course, if we rejected Christ through whom we obtain justification and access into God's grace, relying upon our morality or good works to save us, we would be dishonoring both the Father and the Son (a thing which occasioned Paul's condemnation of works as a factor of salvation), but if we realize that our righteousness or goodness is a gift from God through faith in Christ, we, as Paul, are perfectly justified in proclaiming such virtues essential to salvation.

This article is obtainable in tract form. If you desire to help in spreading the gospel, write for them, they are free. May God bless you in understanding His Word, is my sincere prayer.

Our Confidence Is in the Lord

DEMOREST, Ga.—We came here the 29th of November by request of Brother Jernigan to pastor this church. The work had gone down and the members were disheartened. Some had backslidden. The church building was mortgaged for debt. We did not know anything to do but to pray for God to touch hearts to pay the debt and enough was paid for the bank to renew the note.

Dec. 18 we started a revival in which God blessed. People began coming to the altar. Backsliders prayed through, some were converted, four were sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, for which we give God the praise. The members seemed to be encouraged to press on. The meeting closed Sunday night, Jan. 2, with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The Lord blessed wonderfully. How the power fell! We are praising our Father for it all. Sister Hershaw, Sister Rich and Brother Justice did the preaching. Five united with the church. Please pray for us here, this is a battle. Our confidence is in the Lord.—I. N. Rich and wife, pastor.

People Want a Church Here

SAVAGE, Miss.—Dear saints, I am glad to report victory in my soul. I am doing all I can to lead souls to Christ, the work God gave me to do before I ever heard of holiness. People here are looking the holiness way, they want a preacher and a church so we can have service through the winter months.

Dear Church of God ministers, may God burden you for this place. If you have a tent, come right on. If you haven't, get one and come on and we will help you pay the rent or by whatever way suits you. God has burdened me for this place and to build a church. I think when we hear His voice we should obey or else be responsible. Our people are good people but are dying for a little of God's love. Someone please come and live here.

Sister L. H. Brewer and Sister McCoullough, write me.

Alabama preachers, and members, please go to Athens, Ala., Rt. 3, to the home of Henry Smith and pray for him. He is in a serious condition and is trusting the Lord for the healing and saving of his body and soul. He won't have a doctor. Everybody please fast if you feel led. Brother Rouse, please pray for him. Also pray for mother. Her address is Mrs. W. B. Waddell, Monticello, Ark., c/o C. H. Furniss.—Your sister in Jesus, Mrs. Joe Smith.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

SHOOTING CREEK, N. C. — We, the Church of God of Shooting Creek, N. C., praise God for the way He is blessing here. The power of God comes down in nearly every service. There is great unity and fellowship among the saints and every department of the church is moving on. The whole church seems to love our pastor, Brother L. J. Stone, and not only the church but the sinner people. God has blessed in a great way since Brother Stone came here. We have our church completed and electric lights put in, for which we praise God.

We love our state overseer, Brother E. W. Williams. On Jan. 12 he visited us. Our district ministers' meeting was great and was enjoyed by all. Jan. 30 our General Secretary, Brother Boehmer, also the Burnett Sisters' Trio visited us. Oh, how God did bless. We invite them back again. Pray much for us here.—Humbly, Mrs. Lura Ledford.

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The East St. Louis district Church of God Y. P. E. meeting convened in Collinsville, Sunday, Jan. 30. Five churches were represented and the Lord surely did bless. The Spirit was manifested in many ways. We had our state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent with us, Brother Leverne Foster. He is a wonderful worker for the Lord and is surely boosting the Y. P. E. in Illinois.

The East St. Louis district is planning on a wonderful time at the state convention, so come on, district presidents, and prepare a good program, because E. St. Louis is expecting to have the best. We have a wonderful band of young people in this district. God comes down in a glorious way each time we meet.

The next district meeting will be held at East Alton, Sunday, Feb. 27. Remember Church of God veterans, pray for us; the young people of today are the church of tomorrow.—Yours for the Master, Arvil Vannoy, district reporter, East Alton, Ill.

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GAFFNEY, S. C.—We are happy in the love of the Lord. We have a small number of saints here but praise God for the manifestations through His wonderful power. Praise God for our beloved pastor and family, Brother Frank Muller. We are one hundred per cent on everything. We praise the Lord for the sweet Holy Ghost in each service; we appreciate Him in our midst. There have been messages given out in other tongues and interpreted, and many wonderful healings have actually taken place in our midst. Praise God! We've had a wonderful revival spirit in our midst for some time. About eleven have been saved, five sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost in the last week, and we are looking forward to a great revival. Pray for the church at Gaffney.—Your brother in Christ, John H. Gordon, clerk, Box 177.

Greenville, S. C. Dist. Conv'n.

The Greenville district convention of the Church of God convened in Greer, S. C., Jan. 21-23 with great success. Brother A. V. Beaube, state overseer, was in charge. The welcome address was given by Brother W. D. Childers. Brother James Moore preached a sermon which was encouraging. This was followed by a message by our state overseer, which was wonderful, with the presence of the Lord swinging low.

The service opened Saturday morning with the presence of the Lord being manifested. We heard a wonderful message delivered by Brother W. M. Morrow. Then came the reporting of the churches, all having a good report and a goodly number up one hundred per cent in everything. Several churches are planning on building or enlarging in the near future on account of such large crowds. After the reporting came another timely message by Brother R. G. Looney.

You can imagine about what was going on with all these musicians and singers and the Lord being present. A soul-stirring message was delivered by Brother E. W. Hunter. Then came the time to take the mission offering which amounted to $30.00. Another message followed by Brother J. D. Bright. It was a blessing to all.

Sunday morning after Sunday School Brother Robert Johnson brought a message on the Sunday School which was good for all workers and scholars. After this another message was given by the state overseer, which encouraged us to work for the Lord.

Sunday afternoon was given in behalf of the Y. P. E. and Sunday School, directed by Brother Robert Johnson and Perry C. Horton, our state and district superintendents. Sister Annie E. Jones brought a message, which was edifying to the young people as well as the older ones. An offering was taken for the orphans. Brother Robert Johnson stated that he was going to give a term's tuition in Bible School to the person getting the most Evangel subscriptions, so you see our young people have something to work for and they are working. A good many Evangel subscriptions were taken at this time.

We were all encouraged by this wonderful convention and our motto is, "Work Till Jesus Comes," and it doesn't seem that that will be long.—L. W. McIntyre, clerk, 401 Lady St., Greenville, S. C.

Notice

To the members of the Church of God at Kimberly, Ala.: We have on a drive to remodel the church building here, pay our ten cents per member, and want our mission offering to go over the top this year, but we need your help. We are depending on each one to do his part. Please do not fail us. The church is doing fine. We have a good Sunday School and a great Y. P. E. The members who live here are working on this drive, so please help us with your offering and your part on the aged ministers' fund, camp ground and mission offering. Please pray over this and let us hear from you this month without fail. Our district convention will soon be here and we want to be at the top. We will appreciate a letter from every one at once. We are depending on you.—E. C. Dilbeck, pastor, Kimberly, Ala.

State Conventions

Below are given the dates of the various state and territorial conventions. The overseer will arrange the place of meeting.

Date to be supplied — Washington, Oregon, Idaho.
March 17-20—Illinois, Eldorado.
April 12-20—Florida (Colored Assembly), Jacksonville, Fla.
May 5-8—Indiana.
May 12-15—Iowa.
May 19-22—Missouri.
May 19-22—Ohio.
May 26-29—North Carolina.
June 2-5—South Carolina.
June 9-12—Virginia.
June 9-12—Florida.
June 16-19—Mississippi.
June 16-19—West Virginia.
June 23-25—Minnesota.
June 23-25—Michigan, Lake Odessa.
June 28-July 4—North Dakota.
June 30-July 3—Tennessee.
July 7-10—New Mexico.
July 7-10—Maryland.
July 14-17—Oklahoma.
July 14-17—Georgia.
July 21-24—Kansas.
July 21-24—Alabama.
July 28-31—Texas.
July 28-31—Kentucky.
August 4-7—Pennsylvania.
August 4-7—Louisiana.
August 11-14—Maine.

Arkansas desires convention during camp meeting, the date of which is not set at this time.

Start now praying, working and believing that this will be the greatest year in the history of the Church.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

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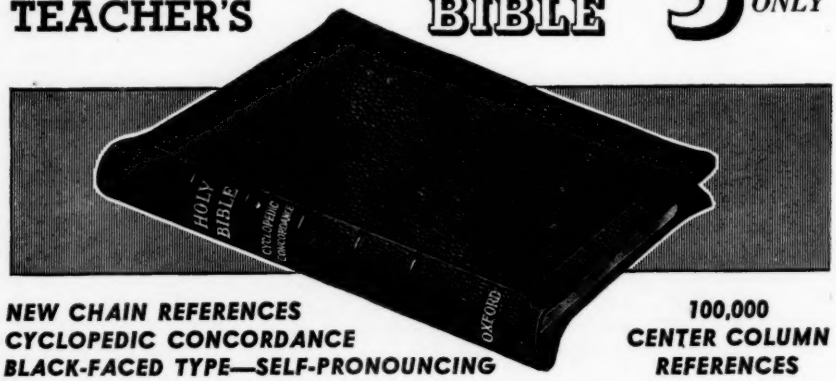

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